Much has happened in that seven years. Diocesan and Government involvement has increased. The redevelopment of "The Buttery" has been completed, and new buildings added. Thousands of people with problems have visited the Buttery, and today it is a recognised Centre for drug rehabilitation that sets the pattern for work in this field in other States.

Outreach to the Alternative Culture communities has also been maintained. While retaining his Commission as a Church Army Captain, John has been priest-ed, and still exercises a widespread ministry as Pastor and Evangelist while directing the continuing work of the Buttery Community.

The organisation of ministry at the Buttery has now reached a stage which allows John to undertake a wider ministry throughout the State. Captain John McKnight has been appointed to take charge of the newly formed, "Network of Alcohol and Drug Agencies" (N.A.D.A.). In this role he will act as co-ordinator of all non-government agencies involved in caring for people with various addiction problems. He will move to Sydney to head up this work which retaining some links with the continuing ministry of "The Buttery".

THE REV. GRAEME MAC ROBB

PRIEST, TEACHER AND EVANGELIST

Graeme MacRobb served as a Church Army Evangelist between 1960 and 1968. After eight years as a Parish Priest in the Diocese of Gippsland, he was invited to return to the Church Army as Principal of the College of Evangelism.

Graeme, and his wife Jenny, have been at the College for almost five years. During this time the College at Belrose, N.S.W., as well as preparing men and women for full-time ministry as lay-evangelists, has been expanded to become an active centre for laity training and a ministry resource centre. More recently, in-service training for clergy and others has been provided in the areas of Evangelism, Christian Education, Pastoral Care and Youth Ministry.

Mr. MacRobb is also a Church Army Missioner and contributes to the Society's outreach ministry by conducting a number of Parish Missions each year. He leads many Parish Life-style Workshops and over the past few years, participated in a number of Schools of Evangelism conducted for Clergy in the country Dioceses.

Jenny MacRobb, as well as assiting with pastoral care of the Students at the College, is Bookkeeper at the Federal Office.

SR LYN COX

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND HOME VISITATION

Sister Lyn Cox is the first Australian Church Army Sister to retain her commission after marriage. Until a recent change in Church Army regulations Sisters were required to resign their commission upon marriage. In August, this year, Sister Lyn Russell married Mr. Geoffrey Cox. The Coxes have made their home in Epping, a Sydney suburb where Lyn works as Parish Evangelist.

Working with the Rector and Assistant Priest, Lyn's ministry concentrates on two main areas of outreach. A large part of her time is spent in Religious Education both in the local schools and through the Sunday Schools. Home visitation, particularly with the many elderly parishioners, takes up most of the remaining time during each week. Any available time left is taken up with maintenance of group-life in the many Parish Organisations that contribute to Parish life.

THE REV. CAPT. ARTHUR MALCOLM

RECTOR OF YARRABAH, NORTH QUEENSLAND

Church Army has had a long association with the Aboriginal people at Yarrabah in North Queensland. For many years the Yarrabah Mission was administered by a Church Army Captain and staffed by our Officers. Two Aborigines from Yarrabah have served with the Church Army. Sister Muriel Stanley became the first Aboriginal woman to enter into full time Church Ministry. Later as a Church Army Sister, she became the first Aboriginal to qualify as a Nursing Sister, eventually returning to Yarrabah as Hospital Matron. The other Yarrabah resident to become a Church Army Evangelist, is Arthur Malcolm.

Following training at the Stockton Church Army College, Arthur served in several Team ministries. As part of the Melbourne Diocesan Task Force, he helped develop new parishes, and then worked in the Inner-City Team Ministry in the Surry Hills-Redfern area of Sydney. This was followed by a period of ministry to Aborigines living in the Casino area of Grafton Diocese. Following his marriage to Sister Coleen Saunders, a member of the Inner-City Team Ministry, Arthur moved to Nowa Nowa Parish in Gippsland with a special responsibility for ministry to Lake Tyers Aboriginal Reserve. The Malcolms then moved to Brewarrina in Western New South Wales as Pastor-Evangelist to Aborigines living throughout the far western area of Bathurst Diocese.

Six years ago, Arthur returned to Yarrabah. First as Parish Evangelist and then, following his ordination, as Parish Priest, he has been responsible for the Parochial District of Yarrabah which has now ceased to be a Mission in the traditional sense.

CAPT. GILBERT PAGE

FEDERAL DIRECTOR

Captain Page became Leader of the Church Army in Australia at the beginning of 1979. Seconded to Australia from the English Society, his previous min-istry has included leading parish missions, laity training and social welfare work. Immediately becom-ing Federal Director, Gilbert was a Counsellor at the Church Army's London Counselling Service. He also played a major role in training both laity and clergy in various aspects of pastoral care and group dynamics.

As Federal Director, Captain Page is responsible for the development of our Society's ministry, promotion of our work in Australia and leadership of the Church Army's direct evangelistic work. Already he has become widely known in various parts of Australia. He has managed to visit almost every Australian Officer on the job. He has conducted Schools of Evangelism for Clergy in several Dioceses and led evangelistic missions since his arrival.

which includes responsibility for aspects of the Senior Biblical Studies programme, Counselling, and participation in other aspects of school life that provide her with regular opportunities to minister amongst the pupils, and especially with the boarders.

Both at the school and in her Youth Ministry on weekends at West Tamworth, Wendy is able to minister to many people through the use of music, song and drama. This has included playing a leading part in the production of several Christian musicals. It is in this area of ministry that Wendy has also made a special contribution to a number of Church Army Parish Missions over the past few years.

THE REV. RICHARD GWILT

ASSOCIATE EVANGELIST

Throughout Australia, in almost every Diocese, there are a large number of Clergy who trained with the Church Army, served as Lay-evangelists, and have then been called by God into the ordained ministry. A number of these men are still closely associated with our work and involved with direct evangelistic ministry. Recently introduced, the Office of Associate Evangelist has provided the means by which such men can once more be associated with our ministry particularly in relation to evangelistic missions, teaching programmes and deputation work.

It is very fitting that our first "Associate Evangelist" should be the Rev. Richard Gwilt. Mr. Gwilt served as a Lay-evangelist with the Church Army for twenty-seven years. The majority of this time was spent in leadership positions. First as Staff Officer, then as Director of the New Zealand Church Army and then, until his ordination in 1978, as Leader of the Church Army in Australia. In 1979 the Gwilt family returned to Western Australia, where Mr. Gwilt is presently Chaplain to Fremantle Prison.

CAPT. DAVID HINCHLIFFE

INDUSTRIAL AND PRISON CHAPLAINCY

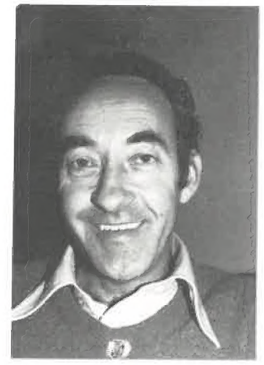
Most of Captain Hinchliffe's ministry until this year has related to Parish Evangelism, both in Inner City and new-area parishes. During 1979, David had leave from full-time field ministry to enable him to do further full-time in-service field training in Clinical Pastoral Education, with special emphasis on the development of Counselling skills.

Towards the end of last year, following his study leave, David was seconded to part-time work as an Industrial Chaplain with the Inter-Church Trade and Industry Mission. His Chaplaincy work takes him each week to Wilson's Chemical Factory, Shell Company of Australia Distribution Terminal, Tubemakers (Aust.), Imperial Chemicals Industries, James Watt Electrical Engineers and O'Connor's Rubber Products. In addition David has recently commenced part-time work at Parramatta gaol, where he will minister as the first non-ordained Prison Chaplain.

The first prison ministry in England was originally pioneered by Church Army. Captains and Sisters still work in prisons throughout Britain. It has long been our prayer that a similar ministry be open to our Officers in this country.

CAPT. DOUG QUAYLE

INDUSTRIAL EVANGELIST



For almost ten years Captain Doug Quayle has been involved in full time Industrial Chaplaincy. However his involvement in this type of ministry goes back a number of years earlier. During the period that Doug served as Training College Captain, first at Croydon and then at Belrose, he pioneered this type of ministry at a number of Sydney factories that had had no previous experience of Chaplaincy.

From 1967 until 1970 Doug was also Staff Officer at the Federal Office. His previous appointments have included ministry with the Church Army's Inner-City Team Ministry in the Surry Hills and Redfern areas of Sydney and at a centre caring for Alcoholics in Port Adelaide, South Australia.

Captain Quayle is presently a Staff Chaplain with the Inter-Church Industrial Mission. His "parish" includes "Alcan Aluminium Factory", Arnott's Biscuits and Monier Concrete.

CAPT. CHRIS THIELE

PARISH MINISTRY AND YOUTH WORK IN MELBOURNE

Chris Thiele is Parish Evangelist on the staff of the Parish of Holy Trinity, Kew in Victoria. While the primary area of his ministry is outreach to and ministry with young people, he also shares in a wide range of other parish activities.

Chris' Youth Ministry involves ministry to schools, facilitating leadership of various youth groups, organising teenage camps and leadership development.

The Parish reaches out to people beyond the Christian community through two special activities. It runs a "Snooker Centre" and a Recycling Project. Chris is fully involved in these activities which provide the opportunity to build relationships which later provide opportunities for direct evangelism and pastoral care. As the Church is in the main street and open to the public, the parish provides pastoral care and counselling for many people through the week. Chris shares in this ministry and also in the following up of contacts made in this way and through hospital ministry.

Chris also exercises a ministry to young people outside the traditional Church structures through his regular contact with people interested in surfing. This has especially provided the opportunity for him to minister to many young people experiencing unemployment and others who are constantly under pressure to participate in the misuse of drugs.

Captain Thiele has recently announced his engagement to Miss Wendy Bilsborrow who worships at Holy Trinity.

Over the past few years Lyn has been in increasing demand as a guest preacher and teacher, and has been asked to lead special evangelistic programmes for both young people and adults. For this reason she has now been freed from her parish responsibilities for up to twelve weeks each year, so that she can be more available as a Church Army Missioner. Already this year she has conducted evangelistic and teaching programmes for Parishes at Corrimal and Epping in Sydney Diocese, Molong in the Bathurst Diocese, and Lyons-Chifley in Canberra-Goulburn Diocese. Visits are also planned to West Wyalong and Coff's Harbour.

CAPT. KEVIN CULLEN

AERIAL MINISTRY AND PARISH EVANGELISM

For many years there were a number of Church Army Mission Vans working in several States, making the ministry of Church Army Missioners readily available to isolated rural and outback parishes. *Times may have changed, but this need still remains.* The nearest modern equivalent to this special form of ministry would be the Church Army's Aerial Ministry, and the work of Kevin Cullen our "Flying Evangelist".

Kevin presently spends six months of each year leading Evangelistic Missions, Teaching Weekends and Seminars. He also has been the means of enabling other Missioners to double the impact of their ministry in various parts of Australia. Since the commencement of the Aerial Ministry in 1978, Church Army has undertaken regular ministry in many Dioceses that had little contact with our Society for many years.

When not engaged in missioning, Captain Cullen works as Parish Evangelist in the Sydney parish of Forestville. He has a special concern for *"equipping the laity for ministry"* and, with a number of parishioners, is involved in an outreach programme using the "Evangelism Explosion"method of lay training and outreach.

Already this year Kevin has ministered in the parishes of Macksville, (Diocese of Grafton); Goodna (Diocese of Brisbane); Fairy Meadow (Diocese of Sydney); and with other Missioners in various places in Tasmania and Rockhampton Dioceses. He has also shared considerably in the healing ministry at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney. Plans are in hand for Missions at Frankston, (Diocese of Melbourne); North Rockhampton and Clermont (Diocese of Rockhampton); and Howrah (Diocese of Tasmania).

SR. WENDY FERGUSON

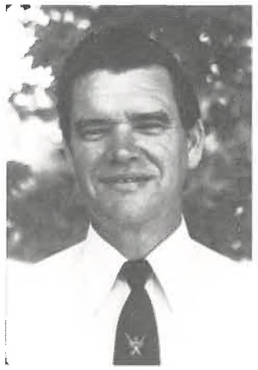
COUNSELLING, RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH WORK

In 1979 Sr. Ferguson was appointed to the staff of Calrossy Girls' School at Tamworth, N.S.W. This is a Church School administered by the Diocese of Armidale. Wendy is also a member of the Parish Staff at St. Paul's West Tamworth where she is responsible for Youth Work.

At Calrossy her work involves various activities,

CAPT. BRIAN MATTINSON

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF OFFICER



Captain Mattinson became Administrative Officer and Staff Captain of the Church Army three years ago. His previous ministry had involved Inner-City Evangelism, ministry to newly arrived migrant families and Pastoral Evangelism in newly developing areas of outer Sydney.

As Administrative Officer, he is responsible for the day-to-day running of our Federal Office in Sydney. As Staff Captain he is responsible for liason with Officers in the field, the arrangement of all new appointments and general pastoral care of field staff.

Brian is also involved in two other areas of Church Army Ministry. He lectures at the College of Evangelism on Personal Evangelism,Preaching, practical aspects of ministry and Church Army Vocation. He is also often a team member at Missions and other evangelistic activities of the Society.

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New Board Members

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Mrs. Sandra Blamey with with her husband and three children in St. Ives on the North Shore. Before coming to Sydney the family lived for eleven years in Newcastle. Here Mrs. Blamey was involved in the Pastoral Care prog - ramme of the local parish. Amongst other things she helped run a Church and Community Day Centre for the elderly, and by training other volunteers in teamwork, she encouraged Church members to develop their own particular ministries. Sandra is an Anglican representative of the National Joint Board of Christian Education and helps run courses for the local Anglican Board of Education. Hobbies? Reading, bushwalking, and swimming when there is time. Sandra believes that lay people need encouragement and help in learning Christian ministry skills, and is keen that Church Army leads people to commitment to the faith, and a lifestyle that in turn attracts others to the Lord.

The Rev. Stuart Benson was born and bred in the Newcastle Diocese. Before training for Ordination at St. John's Morpeth, he served his apprenticeship as a Fitter and Turner with B.H.P. Opportunities for ministry came in New Lambton and Singleton, before being led by God to become Rector of Terrigal eight years ago. A busy town with an active Church gives little time for relaxation, but Stuart tells us he collects stamps and enjoys tapestry. Together with his wife and three children,he trys to make full use of the beach at Terrigal. The Rev. Stuart Benson is a member of the Newcastle Diocesan Council. He believes that Church Army offers exciting and alternative ways of evangelism within the Church of God, especially as the Society is involved in training others to communicate their faith in vital and understandable ways.

What is the Church Army?

Recently, thanks to the availability of our Aerial Ministry, we have been able to make visits to a number of Dioceses where Church Army has not worked in the past twenty years. While many have greeted us with the question "What is the Church Army?", we have found in almost every congregation, people with good memories of Church Army ministry.

Some have recalled happy memories of Children's Missions led by Roy Buckingham. Others have told of first commitments to Christ made at Missions conducted by Gordon Coad, Harry Cole or Colin Steep in the days of Country Mission Caravans. Several have talked about loving care from Church Army Sisters during childhoods spent in Children's Homes or Hostels. A number of older parishioners have recalled visits by the original English team that introduced Church Army to Australia in the thirties.

Ask these people, "What is the Church Army?", and their answer would be simple. It is people! People with a particular life style and a one hundred percent availability for a particular type of ministry.

The Officers themselves differ greatly. They come from almost every tradition of Anglicanism, Evangelical, Charismatic, Anglo Catholic and Middle of the Way. They come from almost every strata of Australian Society. Some have worked previously as public servants, as teachers and in banking, while others have been butchers, labourers, and shop assistants. The work that they undertake also differs widely. Some are involved mainly in teaching and preaching, others exercise their ministry through social welfare, counselling or in childcare. Such differences, which in many circumstances have hindered and delayed the Church's Mission, become instead a means towards an end where there is a shared determination to achieve something more important than such differences. Accepting a common Rule of Life, each Officer shares a common purpose:

"To do the work of an evangelist in the power of the Holy Spirit, caring for people by word and action.

To order their lives after the example of Christ, and to allow nothing in their personal relationships and behaviour which would hinder them in making God's love real to people."

This special edition of "The Pioneer" introduces you to the men and women who are the Church Army today ... who they are, and what they are doing to try to make that Rule of Life a reality in the places that God has chosen to use them. It is our hope that a greater awareness of our work will result in an increased giving and support for our work. Our present income enables us to do little more than maintain our work from day to day. If we are to expand our present ministry, we must greatly increase our income. If we are to pioneer new forms of outreach into areas of need not presently met by our Church, we are going to need the prayer support and giving of hundreds of new supporters.

Will you give generously to our 46th Birthday Appeal? Where possible will you increase your giving to enable us to expand our ministry? Will you assist us in finding many more supporters to take an interest in our work? The extent of your involvement with us, as prayer partners and financial supporters, has a direct bearing upon the extent of our resources and the continuing and increasing involvement in the ministry of evangelism to which we have been called.

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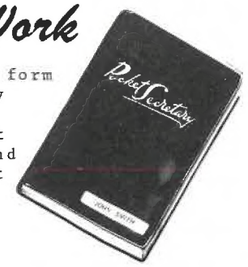

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